

Ohio Valley Long Term Recovery Committee (LTRC)

August 1, 2012

Financial Report

Balance: \$26,334.09
Committee agreed to pay Home Depot for 100 flood buckets purchased at cost. \$378.08.

Vice Chair Report - Beth Nevel

Ohio EMA will have Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds available for residential safe rooms. The Ohio Safe Room Rebate Program will be open for individual citizens to apply. The tentative application period is July 31st, 2012 – October 1st, 2012. The state has funding for up to 150 safe rooms throughout the state. The maximum rebate is \$6,000.00. Flood mitigation measures require that any safe room be 2 feet above base flood elevation. Each person granted the award will be responsible to pay up front and a rebate will be issued. 75% will be reimbursed by FEMA, 12 ½% from the State and the other 12 ½% will be the responsibility of the citizen.

Talk was held regarding individuals who may not be able to pay up front. If those cases come to the LTRC, a discussion will be held as to whether we can front the money and then get reimbursed from the individual when they receive the grant.

A safe room “bubble” in the ground is not permitted in a flood plain. Safe room can be reinforcing an existing room.

Beth and Pam will be at a conference next Wednesday. They will not be at meeting.

The LTRC will continue to meet weekly through August 22. No meeting on August 29. Will begin in September to meet twice a month, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (Sept 5 and 19).

Report from Mickey about Kenneth Copeland – lots of people were in attendance. It was well received. Kenneth Copeland Ministries went to surrounding communities to minister. They brought 1200 boxes of items to be distributed. Remaining food went to Felicity and perhaps New Richmond food pantries. The entire event was uplifting and fun.

Moscow Tree Committee – September 12, 13, 14, 15 are the dates for planting trees in the Village of Moscow. The 12th and 13th are preparation days. Some help needed on Sept 12 and 13; most help needed 14 and 15. Asking for 350 trees to be donated. Surveys are being passed out in the Village to get a count of trees needed. Want to include media to get help and donations. To find out more information about this event and anything tree related call 513-553-4200. Steve Fultz from the zoo is participating, UC and Duke Energy. A concern is that there are still 150 stumps the village would like to grind before this event. River Valley Ecumenical Churches will be supplying meals on Sept 14 and 15. Mickey and Linda will get with Ron Stang if needed on the 13th as well.

Are You Ready....Before and After a Disaster A name was decided upon for the September 11 event held at the River Valley Community Center in Moscow, 30 Wells St. The fire chief and his assistant visited the meeting. The Washington Twp Fire and Rescue, Fire Chief Art Owens and his team will do the presentation for Disaster Preparedness for the Future. It was suggested to the fire chief to include the topic of prolonged power outages. Mickey and Pam will continue to look for the presenter of Purchasing Insurance and Negotiation with Adjusters. We will check with Pam to see if she talked to Annette about doing the session entitled Choosing a Contractor. Mary Hurlburt to present “Best Bang for Your Buck”. Suggestion was made for Mary to include being able to afford in the future what you purchase or accept in the present. i.e. house in place of a mobile home....can you afford the insurance and the property taxes? Linda volunteered to put together a flyer.

Things to remind the participants:

- Best place to check references of contractors is with the Attorney General's office.
- Angie's List may not be the best resource to check references
- There will be fraud contractors in an area immediately after the disaster
- A good practice is not to sign anything, or make any commitment, for 72 hours.

It was brought up that a new set of first responders could be protection from outsiders – scams. Everyone was receptive to the idea of an “Emergency Buddy” brought up by Kathy. An “Emergency Buddy” could be someone who is not affected by the disaster and can think more clearly.

Jennifer presented the “United Way 2012 Guide to Community Impact and Services”. She thought it could be a great resource to hand out at the “Are You Ready” event. She will supply 150 copies, trying to pull in as many services that could be beneficial to people in the area.